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SUBJ: MORE CHARGES OF US INVOLVEMENT IN MARCH 11 COUP ATTEMPT

1. WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE "VIDA MUNDIAL" PUBLISHED SECOND IN SERIES OF "EXPOSES" ON CIA IN PORTUGAL IN MARCH 27 EDITION. ARTICLE TOUCHED ON VARIOUS THEMES WELL KNOWN BY NOW TO READING PUBLIC. REGARDING EVENTS ON OR AFTER MARCH 11, ARTICLE REPEATED DEPUTY COPCON CHIEF OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO'S STATEMENT REGARDING AMB. CARLUCCI'S PERSONAL SECURITY, CLAIMED THAT SPINOLA HAD RECEIVED "GREEN LIGHT" FROM AMBASSADOR TO MAKE COUP ATTEMPT (ONCE AGAIN CLAIMING THAT AMBASSADOR HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSIGNED IN CHILE), AND STATED THAT THERE WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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"UNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SPINOLA.

2. IN ECONOMIC SPHERE, ARTICLE SAYS THAT U.S. AID PROGRAM FOR PORTUGAL IS EVIDENCE OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE SINCE IT JUST SMOKE-SCREEN FOR POLICY OF ECONOMIC BOYCOTT. ARTICLE TIES IN ITT WITH THEME OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE (AN ACROSS THE BOARD PAY HIKE BY ITT TO ITS PORTUGUESE WORKERS UPSET DELICATE WAGE-PRICE BALANCE IN PORTUGAL, FORCING PRICE OF GOODS HIGHER THAN NORMAL WORKER COULD AFFORD) AND ACCUSES ITT OF "SIGNING THE CHECKS" WHICH FINANCED "CIA IN CAUSING DOWNFALL OF ALLENDE REGIME."

3. MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE OF ARTICLE WAS LISTING, BY NAME, OF NEW PERSONNEL TO ARRIVE AT EMBASSY LISBON SINCE 25 APRIL REVOLUTION. LIST PRINTED IN ENGLISH AND IDENTIFIED AS LIST PROVIDED BY STATE DEPARTMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE HARRINGTON'S OFFICE IN DEC 1974. THAT LIST COMPARED TO LIST OF CHANGES ACCORDING TO PORTUGUESE GOVT AS OF NOV 1974. THOSE INDIVIDUALS APPEARING ON BOTH LISTS ANNOTATED BY ASTERISK, WITH CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT THOSE ON ONLY ONE OR OTHER LIST SUSPECT.

4. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT, ACCORDING TO RECENT ISSUE OF "TIME" MAGAZINE, CIA COMMONLY USES EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AS INTERMEDIARIES IN ITS COUP PLANNING. USING THIS "FACT" AS PEG, ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE "WE REMEMBER THAT AFTER THE MARCH 11 ATTEMPT, MAJOR SANCHES OSORIO, HEAD OF THE PORTUGUESE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, FLED...".

5. TURNING TO AZORES, ARTICLE QUOTES LONDON "GUARDIAN" TO EFFECT THAT CIA AGENTS WITH FLUENT PORTUGUESE PRESENT IN AZORES IN OVERFLOW NUMBERS, AND LATER INTIMATES THAT THIS FACT CONNECTED WITH FORMATION OF AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT (MAPA).
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